for the Sindol Power Project was rejected on 30th August, 1994 due to non-submission of Environmental Management Plan. Applications for environmental clearance for Hirakud B and Chiplima B power projects have not been received by this Ministry.

Eco Environment Club

347. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Eco Environment Clubs opened to some States for training on the environmental education, State-wise;

(b) the extent to which the targets set for such training have been achieved;

(c) the details the districts selected for "Paryavaran Vahinis" in the country; and

(d) the norms, if any, laid for the determination of cares excellence for promotion environment?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) The Statewise details of Eco-clubs set up during last three years are given in the annexure. *[See* Appendix 182, Annexure No. 6]

(b) No physical targets have been set up for achievements by the Eco-clubs. However, these Eco-clubs have been successful in educating school children about various environmental issues.

(c) So far, 195 districts have been selected for constitution of Paryavaran Vahinis in the country. Statewise distribution of Paryavaran Vahinis is given in the enclosed annexure. *[See* Appendix 182, Annexure No. 6]

(d) The Centres of Excellence are set up in renowned institutions for research, education and training activities in priority areas of environmental sciences.

Coastal Regulation Zone

348. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the concessions in the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification and CRZ Management Plans sought by some State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the decision is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF- ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following decision have been taken:

(i) The Costal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification has been amended to permit of ground water for drinking purposes and to permit mining of sand in A & N Islands subject to certain restrictions;

(ii) Drawal of groundwater for drinking and domestic purposes within 200m of the High Tide Line has been permitted subject to certain restrictions;

(iii) Modernisation of existing fish processing units in the CRZ area has been permitted subject to certain safeguards;

(iv) Permission had been given for transfer of hazardous substances from ships to ports, terminals and refineries and vice-versa, in the port areas;

(v) Ministry of Surface Transport has been authorised to permit, on a case to case basis, storage of specified petroleum products within the existing port limits of existing ports and harbours in areas which are not classified as CRZ-I, subject to safety regulations;

(vi) Ministry of Surface Transport has been authorised to give environmental clearance for expansion/mod-

ernisation of existing ports and harbours in areas within the existing port limits except the areas classified as CRZ-l(i).

(vii) Construction of dispensaries, schools, roads and jetties for local inhabitants of Sunderbans biosphere reserve area in West Bengal has been permitted.

(viii) The Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) of Andhra Pradesh has been modified to provide for a reduced CRZ along rivers, Creeks and backwaters. In respect of Tamil Nadu, change of categories from CRZ-I to CRZ-1II in some cases and also reduction of CRZ to 100 metres on both sides of backwaters has been approved.

(d) Docs not arise.

दिल्ली में ध्वनि एवं वायु प्रदुषण

349. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार को दिल्ली में ऐसे कितनी मोटर मार्किटों की जानकारी है जहां मोटर वाहनों पर डेंटिंग और पेंटिंग कार्य से ध्वनि और वायु प्रदूषण चरम सीमा पर फैलाया जा रहा है;

(ख) ऐसे अवैध औद्योगिक धन्धों तथा प्रदूषण को रोकने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा इन पर रोक लगाने कि लिए क्या निर्णय लिया गया है;

(ग) क्या सरकार को कोटला मुबारकपुर स्थित सुखदेव मोटर मार्किट द्वारा दश्रिणी दिल्ली में फैलाए जा रहे ध्वनि एवं वायु प्रदूषण की जानकारी है; और

(घ) इस क्षेत्र में रह रहे नागरिकों को प्रदूषण से बचाने के लिए इन अवैध औद्योगिक धन्धों के खिलाफ सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने/प्रतिबंध लगाने का विचार रखती है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (प्रो. सैफुद्दीन सोज़): (क) से (घ) संबंधित प्राधिकारियों से सूचना एकत्र की जो रही है और सदन के सभा पटल पर प्रस्तुत कर दी जाएगी।

Census on Tiger Population

350. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any census was conducted on the tiger population in the country;

(b) how many forests guards were trained under the project tiger scheme and how much money out of the W.W.F fund has been spent for this purpose since inception of the Tiger Trust;

(c) what has been the tiger population, year-wise, during the last ten years; and

(d) whether the intended objects have been achieved; if so, how many tigers were saved during the last three years?

THEMINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There is no provision of training of forest guards under Project Tiger Scheme. The WWF-India Tiger Conservation Programme has not carried out any such training of forest guards.

(c)The tiger population in the country, as estimated periodically until 1993, is given in the statement annexed (see below).

(d)Yes, Sir. Since the inception of Project Tiger in 1972, the tiger population in the country had risen from 1827 in 1972 to 4334 in 1989. However,

there was a decline in tiger population to 3750 in 1993 census. The results of 1997 tiger population estimation are in the process of compilation.